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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS EASTERN DIVISION

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NEW ENGLAND COMPOUNDING PHARMACY, INC.,

Chapter 11

Case No. 12-19882-HJB

Debtor.

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER CONFIRMING THE THIRD AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF NEW ENGLAND COMPOUNDING PHARMACY, INC.

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2014, the Plan Proponents¹ filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts, Eastern Division (this "Court") the *Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc.* [Dkt. 1054] and the *Disclosure Statement for Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc.* [Dkt. 1052]; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2015, the Plan Proponents filed with this Court the First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. [Dkt. 1154] (the "First Amended Plan") and the Disclosure Statement for First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. [Dkt. 1155] (the "Disclosure Statement"); and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2015, this Court entered the Order (I) Approving the Adequacy of the Amended Joint Disclosure Statement; (II) Approving Solicitation and Notice Procedures with Respect to Confirmation of the Plan Proponents' First Amended Joint Plan of

All capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan (as defined herein).

Reorganization; (III) Approving the Form of Various Ballots and Notices in Connection Therewith; (IV) Scheduling Certain Dates with Respect Thereto; and (V) Granting Related Relief ("Disclosure Statement Order") [Dkt. 1181]; and

WHEREAS, solicitation packages (collectively, the "Solicitation Packages") conforming to the requirements of the Disclosure Statement Order were transmitted to creditors, interest holders, and parties-in-interest in accordance with the Solicitation Procedures Order, as set forth in the Affidavit of Donlin, Recano and Company, Inc. Regarding Service of Solicitation Packages with Respect to Disclosure Statement for First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. Dated February 22, 2015 executed by John Burlacu, filed on March 13, 2015 [Dkt. 1193], the Affidavits of Service executed by Maribeth D. Mills, filed on April 15, 2015 [Dkt. 1212], the Supplemental Affidavit of Donlin, Recano and Company, Inc. Regarding Service of Solicitation Packages with Respect to Disclosure Statement for First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. Dated February 22, 2015, executed by John Burlacu, filed on May 7, 2015 [Dkt. 1287], and the Certificate of Service executed by Michael R. Lastowski, filed on May 8, 2015 [Dkt. 1295] (collectively, the "Affidavits of Service"); and

WHEREAS, the Disclosure Statement Order, together with the solicitation materials and notice of the Confirmation Hearing approved pursuant thereto, was filed electronically in the MDL Proceeding on March 3, 2015 [MDL Court Dkt. 1714 and 1715], and, accordingly, served electronically through the MDL Court's ECF system to those parties registered to receive electronic notice, including the parties to the more than 680 suits involving MPA plaintiffs and defendants throughout the United States [see MDL Court Dkt. 1811 at 3]; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2015, the Plan Proponents filed with this Court certain supplemental appendices to the First Amended Plan [Dkt. 1123] (as supplemented, the "Plan Supplement"), and the Plan Supplement was itself subsequently supplemented on February 19, 2015 [Dkt. 1141], February 23, 2015 [Dkt. 1167], and May 7, 2015 [Dkt. 1288]; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2015, the *Notice of Hearing to Consider Confirmation of Chapter 11 Plan of Liquidation and Related Objection Deadline*, approved pursuant to the Disclosure Statement Order, was published in the National Weekend Edition of USA Today (the "Publication Notice"), a newspaper of national circulation in all 50 states, having an average daily print circulation of approximately 1.3 million, as set forth in the *Affidavit of Publication Notice of Confirmation Hearing* [Dkt. 1211]; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2015, Donlin, Recano and Company, Inc., the claims and noticing agent appointed in the Chapter 11 Case, filed the *Declaration of Jun W. Song on Behalf of Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc. Regarding Voting and Tabulation of Ballots Accepting and Rejecting the First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc.* [Dkt. 1294] (the "Voting Declaration") certifying the results of the ballot tabulation for the votes to accept or reject the First Amended Plan; and

WHEREAS, there is pending a single objection to confirmation of the First Amended Plan, which was filed on or prior to the deadline established for filing objections to confirmation of the First Amended Plan [Dkt. 1272] (the "Plan Objection"); and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2015 and May 12, 2015, respectively, the Plan Proponents filed the *Plan Proponents' Pre-Confirmation Hearing Memorandum of Law in Support of Confirmation of the First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc.* [Dkt. 1240] (the "Confirmation Brief") and the *Plan Proponents'*

Reply Memorandum of Law (I) in Response to "Objection" to Confirmation of the First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Debtor New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc., and (II) in Further Support of Confirmation Thereof [Dkt. 1310] (the "Confirmation Reply Brief"), wherein the Plan Proponents set forth the legal basis for confirmation of the First Amended Plan and responded to the Plan Objection; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2015, the Plan Proponents filed the Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. [Dkt. 1308] (the "Second Amended Plan") together with the Joint Motion of the Chapter 11 Trustee and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for an Order Approving Non-Materials Modifications to the First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. and Request for Expedited Determination and Limitation of Notice [Dkt. 1311]; and

WHEREAS, this Court determined that further disclosure or solicitation of the Second Amended Plan was not necessary or required, and that votes cast in regard to the First Amended Plan were to be treated as votes cast in regard to the Second Amended Plan; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2015, the Plan Proponents filed the *Declaration of Paul D. Moore In Support Of Confirmation of the Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan Of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc.* [Dkt. 1319] (the "Confirmation Declaration"); and

WHEREAS, this Court held a hearing commencing on May 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) (the "Confirmation Hearing") to consider confirmation of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, following the Confirmation Hearing, the Plan Proponents filed the *Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc.* (the "Plan") in order to address certain issues raised at the Confirmation Hearing;

NOW THEREFORE, based upon this Court's review and consideration of (i) the documents filed in this case, (ii) the record of the Confirmation Hearing (including the statements of counsel in support of confirmation at the Confirmation Hearing and all testimony presented and evidence admitted at the Confirmation Hearing), (iii) the declarations filed in support of confirmation of the Plan, including the Declaration of Chapter 11 Trustee in Support of Pending Settlement Motions [Dkt. 905]; Declaration of Stephen B. Darr in Support of Pending Settlement Motions [Dkt. 906]; the Declaration of Michael F. Barrett, Esq. in Support of Confirmation of First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. and for Approval of Inspira Settlement [Dkt. 1225]; the Declaration of Kimberly A. Dougherty in Support of Confirmation of First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. and for Approval of the High Point Settlement [Dkt. 1226]; the Declaration of Kimberly A. Dougherty in Support of Confirmation of First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. and for Approval of the Victory Settlement [Dkt. 1227]; the Declaration of Frederic L. Ellis in Support of Confirmation of First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. and for Approval of ARL Settlement [Dkt. 1228]; the Declaration of Patrick T. Fennell in Support of Confirmation of First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. and for Approval of Insight Settlement [Dkt. 1229]; the Declaration of J. Scott Sexton in Support of Confirmation of First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. (Relating to Settlement with Insight Health Corp., and Others - Virginia) [Dkt. 1230]; the Declaration of Thomas M. Sobol in Support of Approval of the Unifirst Settlement and in Support of Approval of the First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. [Dkt. 1231]; the Declaration of Matthew K. Doonan, Esq. in Support of Confirmation of First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. [Dkt. 1232]; the Declaration of Henri G. Minette in Support of Confirmation of First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc.; [Dkt. 1233]; the Declaration of Gregory Earl Thomas in Support of Confirmation of First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. [Dkt. 1234]; the Declaration of Mark G. Ledwin on Behalf of Preferred Mutual Insurance Company in Support of Confirmation of First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. [Dkt. 1235]; the Declaration of Frederic L. Ellis Concerning the National Compensation Program Established by the Proposed Amended Plan of Reorganization [Dkt. 1236]; the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee's Declaration in Support of Approval of the First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan [Dkt. 1237]; the Joint Declaration of Anne Andrews and Michael Coren, as Representatives of the Co-Chairs of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, in Connection With the Official Committee's Support for Confirmation of the First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. and Approval of the Settlements Contained Therein [Dkt. 1238]; the Declaration of David J. Molton in Support of the Joint Motion of the Chapter 11 Trustee and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for an Order Approving Plan Support and Settlement Agreement with Liberty Industries, Inc. [Dkt. 1260]; the Declaration of Rita A. Bunch in Support of Confirmation of First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. [Dkt. 1261]; Claimant UniFirst Corporation's Statement in Support of Confirmation of First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. [Dkt. 1282]; the Declaration of Joseph A. Ziemianski In Support of Confirmation of First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. [Dkt. 1284]; the Declaration of Liberty Industries, Inc. in Support of Confirmation of First Amended

Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. [Dkt. 1293]; the Declaration of Jung W. Song on Behalf of Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc. Regarding Voting and Tabulation of Ballots Accepting and Rejecting the First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan Of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. [Dkt. 1294]; the Declaration of Amanda J. Cox, Esq. in Support of Confirmation of First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. [Dkt. 1296]; the Declaration of Michael T. Ryan, Esq. on Behalf of Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company in Support of First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. [Dkt. 1301]; the Declaration of Brian Robischeau in Support of First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. [Dkt. 1306]; the Declaration of Stephen B. Darr in Support of Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. [Dkt. 1309]; and the Declaration of Chapter 11 Trustee in Support of Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. [Dkt. 1319]; the Declaration of Harry M. Roth Concerning the National Compensation Program Established by the Proposed Amended Plan of Reorganization [Dkt. 1327]; the Supplemental Declaration of Frederic L. Ellis Concerning the National Compensation Program Established by the Proposed Amended Plan of Reorganization [Dkt. 1323]; and the Supplemental Declaration of Thomas M. Sobol Concerning the National Compensation Program Established by the Proposed Amended Plan of Reorganization [Dkt. 1322] and (iv) the entire record of this Chapter 11 Case; and this Court finding that (a) notice of the Voting Deadline, Objection Deadline, and Confirmation Hearing and the opportunity of any party in interest to object to confirmation were adequate and appropriate, in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 2002(b) and the Disclosure Statement Order, as to all parties to be affected by the Plan and the transactions contemplated thereby, and (b) the legal and factual bases presented at the

Confirmation Hearing and as set forth in this Confirmation Order establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation thereon, and good cause appearing therefor;

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

THIS COURT HEREBY FINDS AND CONCLUDES THAT:²

A. This Court has jurisdiction over this Chapter 11 Case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Confirmation of the Plan is a "core proceeding" pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(b)(2)(L) and (O), and this Court has jurisdiction to determine whether the Plan complies with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, to determine whether the Plan should be confirmed and to enter and enforce a final order with respect hereto. Venue of this Chapter 11 Case is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

B. Judicial notice is hereby taken of the docket of the Chapter 11 Case maintained by the Clerk of this Court, including, without limitation, all pleadings and other documents filed, all orders entered, and transcripts of, and all evidence and arguments made, proffered, or adduced at, the hearings held before the Court during the pendency of the Chapter 11 Case.

C. The Plan is dated and identifies the entities submitting it, thereby satisfying Bankruptcy Rule 3016(a). The filing of the Disclosure Statement with the Court satisfies Bankruptcy Rule 3016(b). All acts to be enjoined and identification of entities subject to such injunction under the Plan are set forth in specific and conspicuous bold text in the Plan and Disclosure Statement, thereby satisfying Bankruptcy Rule 3016(c).

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Findings of fact shall be construed as conclusions of law and conclusions of law shall be construed as findings of fact when appropriate. *See* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7052.

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D. The Plan Proponents have given notice of the Confirmation Hearing as required by Bankruptcy Rule 3017(d). Such notice, including by publication in a newspaper of national circulation, was good and sufficient under the particular circumstances, and no other or further notice is or shall be required.

E. The Plan Proponents also have provided further notice of the releases and injunctions in the Plan as required by Bankruptcy Rule 3017.1(f). In addition to posting links providing all parties in interest with access to, among other documents, copies of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement [Dkt. 1155], the Disclosure Statement Order and the Confirmation Hearing Notice [Dkt. 1181] on the website maintained by Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc. ("DRC"), the Trustee's claims and noticing agent, DRC mailed the Plan Solicitation Packages to approximately 3,600 voting parties. It also mailed Plan related documents, including the Confirmation Hearing Notice, the Plan and Disclosure Statement to approximately 21,000 additional non-voting parties who might be subject to the Plan Releases and Injunctions, including all patients identified by the CDC who may have been exposed to the three lots of MPA alleged by the CDC to have been contaminated. Further, the Publication Notice was given. Such notice was good and sufficient under the circumstances, and no other and further notice is or shall be required.

- F. The solicitation of votes to accept or reject the Plan satisfies Bankruptcy Rule 3018. The Plan was transmitted to all creditors entitled to vote on the Plan, and sufficient time was prescribed for such creditors to vote to accept or reject the Plan, thereby satisfying the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 3018.
- G. The Plan Proponents have met their burden of proving all applicable elements of sections 1129(a) and (b) of the Bankruptcy Code by clear and convincing evidence.

- H. The Plan complies with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts (the "Local Rules"), thus satisfying the requirements of section 1129(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- I. The Plan Proponents have complied with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and the orders of this Bankruptcy Court with respect to the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan, including, without limitation, Bankruptcy Code sections 1125 and 1126 and Bankruptcy Rules 3017, 3018 and 3019, thus satisfying the requirements of Bankruptcy Code section 1129(a)(2).
- J. The Plan, and the compromises and settlements embodied therein, have been proposed in good faith and not by any means forbidden by law, thus satisfying the requirements of Bankruptcy Code section 1129(a)(3).
- K. Subject to the provisions of Section 5.09 and 6.01 of the Plan, all payments that have been made or are to be made under the Plan or by any person acquiring property under the Plan, for services or for costs and expenses in, or in connection with the bankruptcy case, or in connection with the Plan and incident to the bankruptcy case, have been approved by, or will be subject to the approval of, the Bankruptcy Court as reasonable, thus satisfying the requirements of Bankruptcy Code section 1129(a)(4).
- L. The Plan Proponents have made available all necessary information with respect to the identity of any individual proposed to serve, after confirmation of the Plan, as a director, officer, or voting trustee or the successor to the Debtor under the Plan (including, without limitation, the Tort Trustee and the Post-Confirmation Officer), and the appointment to such office of each individual is consistent with the interests of creditors and equity security

holders and with public policy, thereby satisfying the requirements of Bankruptcy Code section 1129(a)(5).

- M. The Debtor's business does not involve the establishment of rates over which any regulatory commission has jurisdiction or will have jurisdiction after confirmation. Thus, Bankruptcy Code section 1129(a)(6) is inapplicable to this Chapter 11 Case.
- N. Each holder of a Claim or Equity Holder in an impaired class has accepted the Plan, or will receive or retain under the Plan property having a value, as of the Plan Effective Date, that is not less than the amount that such holder would receive on account of such Claim or Interest if the Debtor were liquidated under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Plan therefore complies with the requirements of Bankruptcy Code section 1129(a)(7) and the "best interests" test set forth therein, as reflected more fully in the rulings of this Court, and the evidence introduced on the record at the Confirmation Hearing.
- O. Bankruptcy Code section 1129(a)(8) requires that for each Class of Claims or Interests under the Plan, such Class has either accepted the Plan or is not Impaired under the Plan. Class A (Priority Claims), Class B (Miscellaneous Secured Claims), and Class F (Equity Interests) are unimpaired and are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan without the solicitation of acceptances or rejections pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 1126(f). Class C (General Unsecured Claims), Class D (Tort Claims) and Class E (Subordinated Claims) are Impaired and, as set forth in the Voting Declaration, have voted to accept the Plan.
- P. The treatment of Administrative Claims, including Bankruptcy Code section 503(b)(9) Claims, specified in Article II of the Plan, satisfies the requirements of Bankruptcy Code section 1129(a)(9)(A). The treatment of Priority Tax Claims under Article II of the Plan satisfies the requirements of Bankruptcy Code 1129(a)(9)(C).

- Q. Class C (General Unsecured Claims), Class D (Tort Claims) and Class E (Subordinated Claims) are Impaired and have voted to accept the Plan, without consideration of any acceptance of the Plan by insiders, thus satisfying the requirements of Bankruptcy Code section 1129(a)(10).
- R. Confirmation of the Plan is not likely to be followed by the liquidation, or the need for further financial reorganization, of the Debtor or any successor to the Debtor under the Plan, except as provided in the liquidation provisions of the Plan. The evidence introduced at the Confirmation Hearing (i) is persuasive and credible, (ii) has not been controverted by other credible evidence in the sole objection to the Plan, and (iii) establishes that the Plan is feasible and that confirmation of the Plan is not likely to be followed by the liquidation or need for further financial reorganization of the Post-Effective Date Debtor (except as specifically set forth in the liquidation provisions of the Plan) or the need for further financial reorganization of the Post-Effective Date Debtor. Therefore, the Plan satisfies Bankruptcy Code section 1129(a)(11).
- S. On the Effective Date, and thereafter as may be required, the Tort Trustee shall pay all fees payable pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1930, including all quarterly fees pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1930 that become due after the Effective Date, thus satisfying the requirements of Bankruptcy Code section 1129(a)(12).
- T. Section 1129(a)(13) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that a plan of reorganization provide for the continuation, after the effective date, of all retiree benefits at the level established by agreement or by court order pursuant to section 1114 of the Bankruptcy Code at any time prior to confirmation of the plan, for the duration of the period that the debtor has obligated itself to provide such benefits. Because the Debtor does not have any such "retiree benefits," section 1129(a)(13) of the Bankruptcy Code is not applicable.

- U. The principal purpose of the Plan is not the avoidance of taxes or avoidance of the requirements of section 5 of the Securities Act of 1933, and no governmental unit has requested that the Bankruptcy Court deny confirmation on such basis. The Plan satisfies the requirements of Bankruptcy Code section 1129(d).
- V. This Court finds that it may properly retain jurisdiction over the matters set forth in Article XI of the Plan and Bankruptcy Code section 1142.
- W. The conditions precedent to confirmation set forth in Article VII of the Plan have been satisfied or duly waived in accordance with the terms of the Plan.
- X. Article III of the Plan adequately and properly identifies and classifies all Claims and Interests. The Claims or Interests placed in each Class are substantially similar to other Claims or Interests, as the case may be, in each such Class, and such classification is therefore consistent with Bankruptcy Code section 1122. Valid business and legal reasons exist for the various Classes of Claims and Interests created under the Plan, and such classification does not unfairly discriminate among holders of Claims or Interests. The Plan's classification scheme recognizes the differing legal and equitable rights of Creditors versus Equity Holders, secured versus unsecured Claims, and priority versus non-priority Claims. Accordingly, the Plan satisfies Bankruptcy Code section 1123(a)(1).
- Y. Article III of the Plan states that Class A (Priority Claims), Class B (Miscellaneous Secured Claims) and Class F (Equity Interests) are not impaired under the Plan, thereby satisfying Bankruptcy Code section 1123(a)(2).
- Z. Article III of the Plan states that Class C (General Unsecured Claims), Class D (Tort Claims) and Class E (Subordinated Claims) are Impaired, and Article IV of the

Plan specifies the treatment of such impaired Classes of Claims or Interests. Thus, Bankruptcy Code section 1123(a)(3) is satisfied.

AA. The Plan provides for the same treatment for Claims or Interests in each respective Class, unless the holder of a particular Claim or Interest has agreed to a less favorable treatment of such Claim or Interest, thereby satisfying Bankruptcy Code section 1123(a)(4).

BB. Article V of the Plan provides adequate and proper means for implementation of the Plan, thereby satisfying Bankruptcy Code section 1123(a)(5).

CC. As provided in Article VI, Section 6.10, of the Plan, the Post-Effective Date Debtor's certificate of incorporation and bylaws shall be deemed to include a provision prohibiting the issuance of non-voting equity securities, thereby satisfying the requirements of Bankruptcy Code section 1123(a)(6).

DD. Article VI, Section 6.01(i), of the Plan regarding the selection of the Post-Confirmation Officer is consistent with the interests of creditors and equity security holders and with public policy, thereby satisfying Bankruptcy Code section 1123(a)(7).

EE. In accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9019, and in consideration of the distributions and other benefits provided under the Plan, the Plan constitutes a global compromise and settlement among: (a) the Chapter 11 Trustee, on one hand, and (b) the parties to the National Settlement Agreements; (c) the parties to the Provider Settlement Agreements; and (d) the parties to the Shareholder Settlement Agreement, as applicable, on the other hand. The Chapter 11 Trustee has entered into the Settlement Agreements in exchange for fair and reasonable consideration. Each Settlement Agreement is (a) a good faith compromise; (b) in the best interests of the Debtor, the Debtor's Estate and the holders of Claims and Interests; (c) within the reasonable range of possible litigation outcomes; (d) fair, equitable and reasonable;

and (e) an essential element of the resolution of the Chapter 11 Case in accordance with the Plan. Each Settlement Agreement: (a) falls within the jurisdiction of the Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334(a), (b) and (d); (b) is an essential means of implementing the Plan pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 1123(a)(5); (c) is an integral element of the transactions incorporated in the Plan; (d) confers material benefits on, and are in the best interests of the Debtor, the Debtor's Estate and the Debtor's creditors; (e) is vital to the overall objectives of the Plan to finally resolve all claims among or against the parties in interest in the Bankruptcy case; and (f) is consistent with Bankruptcy Code sections 105, 1123 and 1129 and other applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code. Each Settlement Agreement has been negotiated at arm's length, has been entered into in good faith, eliminates the need for costly and time consuming litigation and paves the way toward confirmation of the Plan. In light of (a) the probability of success in the litigation being compromised; (b) the difficulties to be encountered in the matter of collection; (c) the complexity of the litigation involved and the expense, inconvenience and delay in pursuing the litigation; and (e) the paramount interests of the creditors, and a proper deference to their views, the Settlement Agreements are in the best interest of the Estate.

FF. The release of Claims described in Article X, Section 10.05 of the Plan constitute good faith compromises and settlements of the matters covered thereby. Such compromises and settlements are made in exchange for the consideration identified in the Settlement Agreements; are in the best interests of the holders of Claims; are fair, equitable, and reasonable; and are integral elements of the Plan. Each of the release, indemnification and exculpation provisions set forth in the Plan (1) is within the jurisdiction of the Court under 28 U.S.C. §§1334(a), (b) and (d); (2) is an essential means of implementing the Plan pursuant to section 1123(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code; (3) is an integral element of the Settlement

Agreements identified in the Plan; (4) confers material benefit on, and is in the best interest of the Debtor, the Estate and its creditors; (5) is important to the overall objectives of the Plan to finally resolve all Claims among or against the parties-in-interest in the Chapter 11 Case and (6) is consistent with sections 105, 1123, 1129 and other applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

GG. The third party releases and injunctions set forth in Article X of the Plan are appropriate because: (a) the Debtor and the third parties share a unity of interest; (b) the third parties have contributed substantial assets which are to be distributed to holders of Claims under the Plan; (c) the third party releases and injunctions are essential to the Settlement Agreements and therefore are essential to the Plan; (d) the creditors who are affected by the third party releases have voted overwhelmingly in favor of the Plan; (e) the Plan provides a mechanism to resolve and make payment towards claims of the affected creditors through the Tort Trust and the Plan Proponents have provided notice to affected creditors sufficient to provide them with the opportunity adequately to protect their interests; and (f) the facts and circumstances of this case sufficiently establish extraordinary circumstances to warrant approval of the third party releases and injunctions.

HH. The releases by the Debtor, as set forth in Article X, Section 10.5(i), of the Plan, are being provided as part of the Settlement Agreements, which themselves represent a global compromise that is supported by all major constituencies.

II. The exculpation provisions set forth in Article XII, Section 10.03, of the Plan, establish a willful misconduct standard for any liability related to the Chapter 11 Case and are limited to estate fiduciaries. The exculpation provisions therefore comply with applicable law.

JJ. The term Other Contributing Parties includes, without limitation, those persons and entities listed on Schedule A hereto.

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that:

- 1. <u>Approval</u>. The Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A is approved and confirmed, as having satisfied all of the requirements of Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. All terms of the Plan are incorporated herein by reference, are an integral part of this Confirmation Order, and are so ordered.
- 2. <u>Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law</u>. The findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth herein and at the Confirmation Hearing constitute findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7052, as made applicable herein by Bankruptcy Rule 9014. To the extent any finding of fact shall be determined to be a conclusion of law, it shall be so deemed, and vice versa.
- 3. <u>Confirmation Objections</u>. All confirmation objections and responses to the Plan, including, but not limited to, the United States Trustee's Objection to Confirmation of the First Amended Joint Plan of Liquidation of New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. [Dkt. 1272], both filed and informal, to the extent not resolved, withdrawn or otherwise addressed by this Confirmation Order or as set forth on the record at the Confirmation Hearing, including any reservations of rights contained therein, are hereby overruled on the merits.
- 4. Effects of Confirmation; Immediate Effectiveness. Subject to the stay contemplated by Bankruptcy Rule 3020(e), and Article IX of the Plan, and notwithstanding any otherwise applicable law, immediately upon entry of the Confirmation Order, the terms of the Plan (including the Plan exhibits and all documents and agreements executed pursuant to the Plan) and this confirmation Order are deemed binding upon (a) the Debtor, (b) the Post-Effective

Date Debtor, (c) all holders of Claims against and Equity Holders in the Debtors, whether or not Impaired under the Plan and whether or not, if Impaired, such Holders accepted the Plan, (d) each Person acquiring property under the Plan, (e) any other party-in-interest, (f) any Person making an appearance in this Chapter 11 Case, and (g) each of the foregoing's respective heirs, successors, assigns, trustees, executors, administrators, affiliates, officers, directors, agent, representatives, attorneys, beneficiaries, or guardians.

- 5. <u>Continued Corporate Existence of the Post-Effective Date Debtor</u>. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the Post-Effective Date Debtor shall continue to exist, with all the powers of a corporation under applicable law and shall be deemed to be reorganized and reincorporated as a Massachusetts corporation as of the Effective Date pursuant to its certificate of incorporation and bylaws or other organizational documents.
- 6. <u>Vesting of Assets</u>. On the Effective Date, and except as otherwise set forth in the Plan and in this Confirmation Order, all property of the Debtor's Estate shall vest in the Post-Effective Date Debtor free and clear of all Claims, Liens, charges, encumbrances, rights, and Interests of creditors and equity security holders; for the avoidance of doubt, the Estate Causes of Action shall vest in the Tort Trustee.
- 7. Releases by the Debtor and Estate Representative(s). Except as set forth in section 10.05(i) of the Plan, and subject in all respects to the provisions of Section 10.04 of the Plan, on the Effective Date, the Debtor, the Chapter 11 Trustee, the Estate Representative(s) and the Estate shall unconditionally release, and hereby are deemed to forever unconditionally release, the Shareholder and Affiliate Released Parties, the Other Contributing Parties, including, without limitation, GDC, the Individual GDC Insureds and Preferred Mutual, and the Tort Claimants from any and all Claims, debts, obligations, demands, liabilities, suits, judgments,

damages, rights and Estate Causes of Action, whatsoever (other than the right to enforce the obligations under the Plan, the Settlement Agreements and the contracts, instruments, releases and other agreements and documents delivered thereunder), whether direct or indirect, liquidated or unliquidated, fixed or contingent, matured or unmatured, known or unknown, then existing or thereafter arising, in law, equity or otherwise that are based in whole or in part upon any act or omission, transaction, transfer event or other occurrence taking place on or prior to the Effective Date in any way relating to the Debtor or to the Debtor's products, including, without limitation, the Drugs, the Chapter 11 Case, the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Debtor's estate, the Policies, GDC, and the negotiation or funding of the Settlement Agreements.

8. Releases in Favor of the Debtor and Estate Representative(s). Subject in all respects to the provisions of Section 10.04 of the Plan, on the Effective Date, each of the Debtor, the Chapter 11 Trustee, the Estate Representative(s), and the Estate shall be forever and unconditionally released from any and all Claims, debts, obligations, demands, liabilities, suits, judgments, damages, rights and causes of action, whatsoever by all Entities (other than the right to enforce the obligations under the Plan, the Settlement Agreements and the contracts, instruments, releases and other agreements and documents delivered thereunder), whether direct or indirect, liquidated or unliquidated, fixed or contingent, matured or unmatured, known or unknown, then existing or thereafter arising, in law, equity or otherwise that are based in whole or in part upon any act or omission, transaction, event or other occurrence taking place on or prior to the Effective Date in any way relating to the Debtor or to the Debtor's products, including, without limitation, the Drugs, the Chapter 11 Case, the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, any prepetition act or omission of the Debtor, the Debtor's estate, the Policies, GDC and the negotiation or funding of the Settlement Agreements.

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9. Releases by Shareholder and Affiliate Released Parties. Subject in all respects to the provisions of Section 10.04 of the Plan and the Shareholder Settlement Agreement, on the Effective Date, each of the Shareholder and Affiliate Released Parties shall unconditionally release, and hereby are deemed to forever unconditionally release, each of the Debtor, the Debtor's estate, the Chapter 11 Trustee, the Estate Representative(s), the Official Committee, the Official Committee members, the Tort Claimants, the Other Contributing Parties, including, without limitation, GDC, the Individual GDC Insureds, Preferred Mutual, and the foregoing persons' and entities' respective attorneys and advisors (solely in their respective capacities as such) from any and all Claims, debts, obligations, demands, liabilities, suits, judgments, damages, rights, and causes of action, whatsoever, whether direct or indirect, liquidated or unliquidated, fixed or contingent, matured or unmatured, known or unknown, then existing or thereafter arising, in law, equity or otherwise that are based in whole or in part upon any act or omission, transaction, transfer, event, or other occurrence taking place on or prior to the Effective Date in any way relating to the Debtor or to the Debtor's products, including, without limitation, the Drugs, the Chapter 11 Case, the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Debtor's estate, the Policies, GDC and the negotiation or funding of the Settlement Agreements; provided, however, that this release shall not apply to any Claims assigned by the Shareholder and Affiliate Released Parties to the Debtor or to the Chapter 11 Trustee pursuant to a Settlement Agreement, nor shall it apply to the right to enforce the obligations under the Plan, the Settlement Agreement, and the contracts, instruments, releases and other agreements and documents delivered thereunder.

10. <u>Releases in Favor of Shareholder and Affiliate Released Parties (Other than Ameridose)</u>. Subject in all respects to the provisions of Section 10.04 of the Plan, on the Effective Date, the Shareholder and Affiliate Released Parties (other than Ameridose), as well as

their respective attorneys and advisors (solely in their respective capacities as such), shall be forever and unconditionally released from any and all Tort Claims, Estate Causes of Action, Contributor and Affiliate Released Claims, and all other Claims, debts, obligations, demands, liabilities, suits, judgments, damages, rights and causes of action, whatsoever, by all Entities, whether direct or indirect, liquidated or unliquidated, fixed or contingent, matured or unmatured, known or unknown, then existing or thereafter arising, in law, equity or otherwise that are based in whole or in part upon any act or omission, transaction, transfer, event or other occurrence taking place on or prior to the Effective Date in any way relating to the Debtor or to the Debtor's products, including, without limitation, the Drugs, the Chapter 11 Case, the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Debtor's estate, the Policies, GDC and the negotiation or funding of the Settlement Agreements; provided, however, that the right to enforce the obligations under the Shareholder Settlement Agreement, the Shareholder Escrow Agreement and the Plan and the contracts, instruments, releases and other agreements and documents delivered thereunder, and the right to enforce the provisions of the Shareholder Settlement Agreement with regard to "Non-Disclosed Assets" (as defined therein), shall be expressly preserved by the Estate Representative in accordance with the terms of the Shareholder Settlement Agreement.

11. Releases by Other Contributing Parties. Except as to the rights and claims expressly preserved by the Settlement Agreements and subject in all respects to the provisions of Section 10.04 of the Plan, on the Effective Date, each Other Contributing Party including, without limitation, GDC, the Individual GDC Insureds and Preferred Mutual, shall unconditionally release, and hereby are deemed to forever unconditionally release, each of the Debtor, the Debtor's estate, the Chapter 11 Trustee, the Estate Representative(s), the Official Committee, the Official Committee members, the Tort Claimants, the Shareholder and Affiliate